

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



## Dates for the Diary

Sunday 19th January	8am	Holy Communion
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Sunday 19th January	3pm	Evensong @ St Greg's
Sunday 19th January	6:30pm	Home Group @ 'spoons
Wednesday 22nd January	11am	Holy Communion
Thursday 23rd January	6pm	Meditation
Friday 24th January	6:45pm	Alpha at Salvation Army
Sunday 26th January	10am	Joint Service @ All Saints'
Sunday 26th January	12pm	Lunch @ All Saints' Hall
Sunday 26th January	2pm	Churchsuite Training
Sunday 26th January	6:30pm	Home Group @ 'spoons

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Jan 18th - 25th**

The Week of Prayer is international and offers local opportunities to meet and pray with fellow Christians of different denominations. The theme this year is *Do you believe this?* For 2025, materials were prepared by the ecumenical community at Bose in Northern Italy. We are invited to reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus as narrated in John 11:17-27. Each is called to sit with Jesus' provocative question to Martha: "Do you believe this?"

**For Sudbury & District:**

Day 1: Saturday 18 Jan, 8 – 9:30 am, Prayer Breakfast at Sudbury Quakers,  
 Day 2: Sunday 19 Jan, 6:30 pm, United Service at St Andrew's Church  
 Day 3: Monday 20 Jan, 12:30, Cornard Christian Fellowship (short service).  
 Day 4: Tuesday 21 Jan, 12:30, All Saints' Church Hall, Sudbury (short service).  
 Day 5: Wed 22 Jan, 12:30, All Saints' Hall, (short service, led by Ruth Ridge).  
 Day 6: Thursday 23 Jan, 7 for 7.30pm, Open Forum, Sudbury Baptist Church  
 "Doing prayer, and learning about prayer"  
 Day 7: Friday 24 Jan, 12:30, Bures Baptist Church (short service).  
 Day 8: Saturday 25 Jan, 8 – 9:30 am, Prayer Breakfast at St John's Methodist  
 Refreshments will be provided after most services.  
 With thanks to Churches Together and particularly Malcolm Snow for this.



Rector: Revd Andrew Doarks

Building on the joint services we have enjoyed recently, and the opportunities to chat over food, please remember that **next Sunday will be a joint service held at All Saints'** with a lunch in the hall afterwards. I urge you to come, and if you can sign up at the back of church to provide soup or crumble, even better! The church hall is immediately opposite All Saints' and is a warm and easily accessible space.

Today we welcome Alex as our children's worker - he started part-time on Tuesday and hit the ground running with a meeting with diocesan reps and now running Junior Church in the vestry today.

Blessings, Andrew

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**TODAY**

**Epiphany 2**

**First Reading**  
Isaiah 62:1-5

**Second Reading:**  
John 2: 1-11

**Children's work:**

Junior Church will be meeting  
in the Vestry

Creche in the north Aisle

**QR code to give to the work of  
the church**



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All contributions for the  
Newsletter to be received by  
Thursday at 9am for Sunday.  
email  
stgregsnewsletter@gmail.com

Andrew and Claire are  
available Wednesday 1 - 2pm  
this week at The Rectory.

**Update from Future Vision**

"We greatly appreciate the support in prayer and finance over the years. As we step into 2025, we need to prepare for Ian's retirement and are fully aware that we can't survive on our current financial scale. Please pray for us and with us and we will trust God for our future. Faith Marsden." The Christmas 2024 Newsletter, the Financial Crisis Edition is [here](#) .

**The Filling Station, Thurs 16th Jan**

We are delighted to welcome Rev Dr Justin Tomkins as our guest speaker to this month's Filling Station. Justin is a scientist and will be licensed as Rector of The Heddinghams and Upper Colne on January 13th. The Filling Station welcomes Christians from across the denominational spectrum. Please see [flyer](#) for further details or email [angiejo30@hotmail.com](mailto:angiejo30@hotmail.com) .

**Church Sitting**

Come the end of March, we hope to open the Church again during BST. We have a good list of volunteers who expressed their interest and Andrew will host a meeting about the plans on Thursday, February 6th at 10.30 am at The Rectory. Do come along if you expressed your interest or are interested in learning more how you can help man the Church. Thank you.

**Used stamps, please**

Pam Hunter is collecting used stamps for the RNIB. When your card/ letters come with real stamps on, please trim them with a 1cm margin, if possible.

**Kettle and Fish**

We will be serving the same delicious food and providing the same friendly welcome as always, 10am to 1.30pm at Suffolk Road Church, next to Aldi.

Next dates: 23, 30 January.  
13, 20, 27 February.  
13, 20, 27 March.

.Great food, an opportunity to chat, and always someone on hand for a conversation about the Christian faith or to pray with you.

Do remember that a **new Alpha course** started this week. Do remember the Friday evening in your prayers - those attending and those delivering the course that iwe might see lives changed.

**Churches Together  
Prayer Breakfasts**

We meet from 8 to 9.30am for a light breakfast, a time of fellowship and a time for prayer. Do join us if you can. You will be most welcome, whether you have never been before, or have not been for a couple of years, or are a regular!

18 January Friends' Meeting House  
25 January St John's Methodist Ch

**Disabled Parking**

Parking is a hot topic in Sudbury at the moment and we know that free spaces go quickly. If you are or know a blue badge holder who attends St Greg's please let Ed Daniels know as he's trying to persuade the county council we need dedicated disabled parking bays on Gregory Street in the South Side by the memorial.

**Fellowship Group**

The Fellowship meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month in the Commonlands Room (Ground Floor) at the Christopher Centre, Gainsborough Street, Sudbury. (Unless otherwise shown). Meetings start at 2.30pm.  
Subscription £3.50 per meeting, includes Tea/Coffee & Biscuits

February 20th  
Grace Barratt – Waterstones Books  
March 20th  
Hannah Powell – History of Perrywood, a family business

**Doing Prayer and  
Learning about Prayer.**

We all have L-plates on when it comes to praying. The Forum this Thursday 23 January is an opportunity to be equipped and encouraged by learning about some different approaches to prayer. There will be time to attend two short workshops from the menu:  
Prayer Mapping (The Rev. Mark Ulanowski)  
Ignatian Prayer (The Rev. Mary Styles)  
Creative Prayer (The Rev. Ruth Ridge)  
Healing Prayer (Senior Pastor Joel Taylor)  
And if the weather's fair:  
Prayer walking (Andy Jowitt).  
Refreshments from 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start.  
At Sudbury Baptist Church, Church Street, Sudbury.